

MANSFIELD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE  
APPROVED Minutes of July 10, 2012 meeting  
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

1. Chairman Al Cyr called the meeting to order at 7:35.

PRESENT: Al Cyr, Charlie Galgowski, Vicky Wetherell, Meredith Poehlitz, Kathleen Paterson, Jennifer Kaufman (staff).

2. Minutes of the June 5 meeting were approved.

**Old Business**

3. *Update on Commonfields* Jennifer reported on the approved plan for weed control in Field A at Commonfields.

4. *Right to Farm and Tax Incentive Ordinances* – The committee discussed possible topics and speakers for the Town Council’s public hearing on July 23. They also reviewed “Preserving Farmland – Preserving Farming,” an agricultural overview for the Council packet for the July 23 meeting.

**New Business**

5. *Future agendas* Al suggested that the committee contact the Fire Department to discuss possible ways to advise farmers about emergency preparedness, as for the storms last year. The August meeting will include leasing of Town fields. Elisabeth Moore of Ct. Farmland Trust will be asked to attend a fall meeting to discuss agricultural easements.

6. The meeting adjourned at 8:25. The next meeting is August 7.